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CRITICIZES LACK OF MEDICINES
FOR FIGHTING ASCARIDOSIS

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Medical preparations are the chief weapons of the medical armamentarium in the fight against ascaridosis. Some of the more effective medicines are wormseed, santomin, and "sancaffeine." Unfortunately, however, there never appears to be enough of these medicines to wage an effective battle. Various scientific and research institutes as well as laboratories are making no attempt to replenish the almost depleted stocks.

There are on the other hand various substances, not generally utilized, which are very effective in controlling this disease. For example, there are thymol, naphthalene, phenothiazine, hexylresorcinol, and other so-called home remedies, like squash seed, garlic infusions, and helichrysum arenarium. It is necessary to test these home remedies and analyze their actions in the light of scientific and medical knowledge.

This latter is particularly important according to a report sent in by M. Sorin, chief of the oblast department of the State Administration for Apothecary Stores. Recently, the Main Administration for Medical Production published a pamphlet which indicated that in the event of lack of supplies at local apothecary stores, doctors and other consumers should order direct from Glavmedprom and the Main Administration for Apothecary Stores USSR.

Recently a doctor in Vladimir requested some "sancaffeine" from the Oblast Apothecary Administration. He received a reply in the form of a complaint, stating in effect, that the Administration for Pharmaceutical Factories does not consider this substance important and as a result has not authorized its factories to produce any "sancaffeine."

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